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WATERBORNE ACTIVITY
THANH HOA AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS DAYTIME WATERBORNE LOGISTICS ACTIVITY BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DURING THE NEW YEAR'S TRUCE, 31 DECEMBER 1967 THROUGH 02 JANUARY 1968.

5X1 2. MISSION READOUT:

A LIMITED AMOUNT OF WATERBORNE ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY  25X1

 THE USUAL SAMPAN SIGHTINGS ARE OBSERVED BUT THERE ARE NO LARGE SELF-POWERED LOGISTIC CRAFT IMAGED IN TRANSPORT/SUPPLY OPERATIONS.

THE MOST UNUSUAL WATERBORNE TRANSPORT SIGHTINGS ARE OBSERVED IN THE THANH HOA AREA WHERE THERE ARE FIVE SIGHTINGS OF GROUPS OF DUMB BARGES, RANGING IN NUMBER BETWEEN FOUR AND EIGHT BARGES PER GROUPING, BEING TOWED BY POWER TUGS.

TWO GROUPS ARE OBSERVED ON THE SONG LEN (STREAM) HEADING WEST TOWARD THE SONG MA (STREAM); TWO GROUPS ARE OBSERVED ON THE SONG MA (ONE APPARENTLY TURNING AROUND AND ONE HEADING SOUTH); AND, ONE GROUP OF EIGHT BARGES IS OBSERVED IN TOW ON THE CANAL CONNECTING THE THANH HOA CITADEL WITH THE SONG MA. THE CARGO BEING TRANSPORTED IN THE BARGES CANNOT BE DETERMINED BECAUSE SOME OF THE HOLDS ARE COVERED AND OTHERS APPEAR EMPTY. THE CAPACITY OF THESE BARGES FROM ONE HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED METRIC TONS.

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS ARE DEPICTED ON THE GRAPHIC:

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REVEALS FOUR CARGO BARGES WITH COVERED

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HOLDS AND ONE SMALL CRAFT BEING TOWED WEST ON THE SONG LEN AT 1958N 10555E.

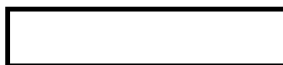


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PHOTO 2:  REVEALS FOUR CARGO BARGES WITH

COVERED HOLDS BEING TOWED WEST ON THE SONG LEN AT 1958N 10554E.



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PHOTO 3:  REVEALS EIGHT CARGO BARGES WITH

FULL HATCHES CONTAINING UNDETERMINED MATERIAL APPARENTLY TURNING NORTH IN THE SONG MA NEAR ITS CONFLUENCE WITH THE SONG LEN AT 1956N 10545E.



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PHOTO 4: , REVEALS EIGHT CARGO BARGES HEADING SOUTH ON THE SONG MA AT 1955N 10546E. AT LEAST FOUR OF THE BARGES APPEAR EMPTY AND THE OTHER FOUR ARE POSSIBLY FULL.



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PHOTO 5:  REVEALS EIGHT CARGO BARGES WITH COVERED HOLDS BEING TOWED WEST AT 1949N 10548E ON A CANAL TOWARD THANH HOA FROM THE SONG MA.



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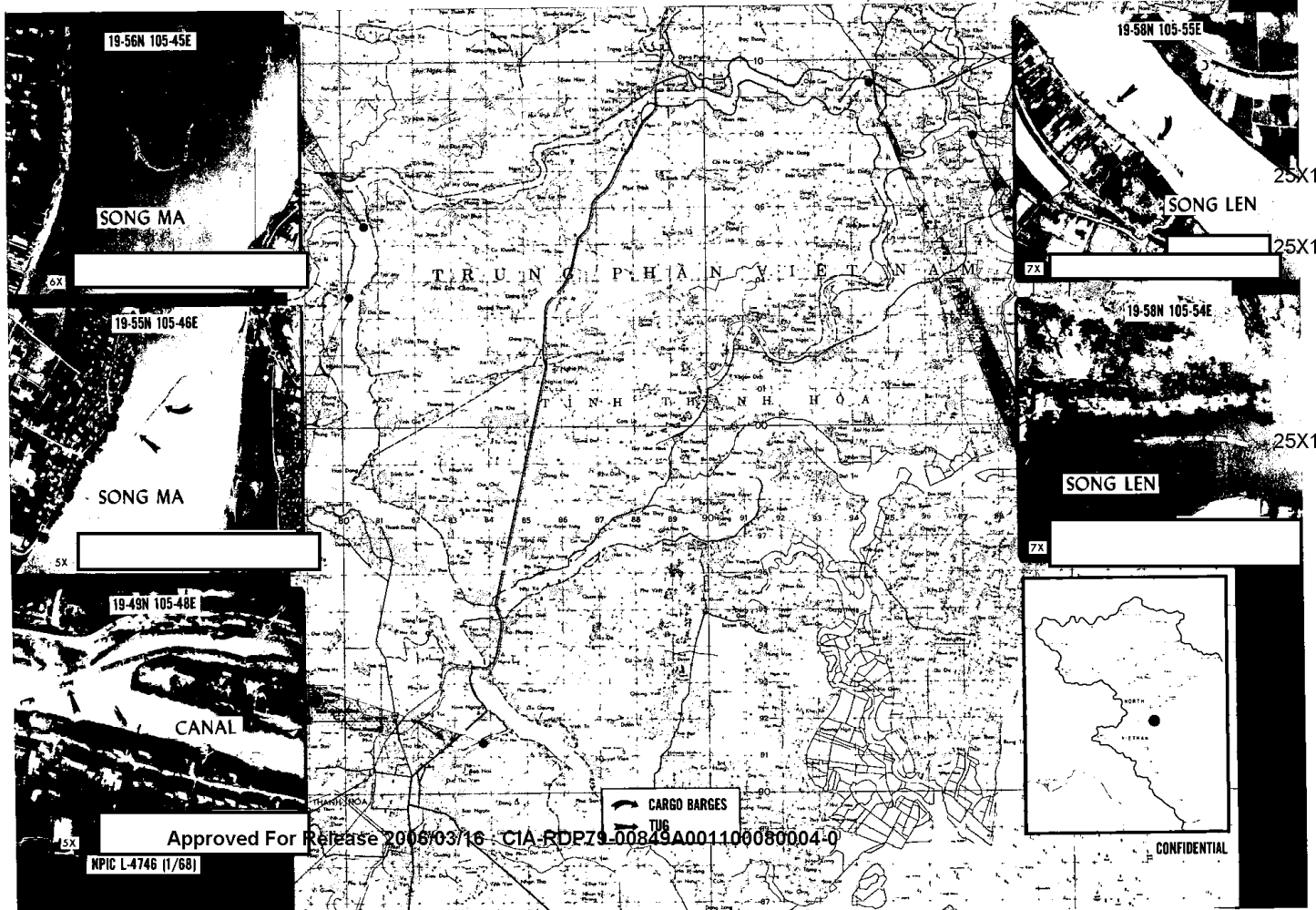
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